

**AASHTO SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTRUCTION  
CONFERENCE CALL  
February 15, 2017  
11:00 AM EASTERN TIME**

The conference call started at 11:00 AM EST.

Roll Call – David Hoyne

<b>Administration</b>	<b>Malcolm Dougherty – SOC Chair (Caltrans)</b> <b>David Hoyne – SOC Vice-Chair (Vermont AOT)</b> <b>Rob Elliott – SOC Secretary (FHWA, RC C&amp;PM TST)</b> <b>Matthew DiGiovanni – Asst. to Secretary (FHWA-VT)</b>
<b>Integrated Construction Technologies</b>	<b>Joe Squire (Oregon DOT)</b> <b>Amy Tootle (Florida DOT)</b> <b>John Haynes – Section Secretary (FHWA-UT/RC C&amp;PM)</b>
<b>Contract Administration</b>	<b>Gary Angles – Section Chair (Ohio DOT)</b> Andy Long (Wyoming DOT) Susan Eiseman (Kansas DOT) Gerald Yakowenko – Section Secretary (FHWA-HQ)
<b>Safety, Environment &amp; Workforce Development</b>	<b>Rob Wight – Section Chair (Utah DOT)</b> Tracy Cain (Texas DOT) Jeff Lewis – Section Secretary (FHWA-RC C&PM TST)
<b>Roadways &amp; Structures</b>	<b>Marc Mastronardi – Section Chair (Georgia DOT)</b> Kevin Christensen (Montana DOT) John Stayton (Caltrans) Anthony Sarhan – Section Secretary (FHWA-WA)
<b>Research Steering Committee</b>	Charlie Bauer – Committee Chair (Wyoming DOT) Katherine Petros – Committee Secretary (FHWA, HRDI-20) Richard Duval (FHWA, HRDI-20)
<b>Host State</b>	<b>Claudette Durham (Ohio DOT)</b>
<b>Others</b>	<b>Evan Rothblatt (AASHTO)</b> <b>Keith Platte (AASHTO)</b>

### **SOC Chair – Malcolm Dougherty (Caltrans)**

- Governors association looking for 3 major infrastructure projects in each state for a list for the new administration
- CEQ- looking to expedite environmental reviews and permitting. What projects would benefit in your state?
- Emergency contracts- \$370 million in emergency contracts due to rain and snow this year.
- Update on the status of the Oroville Dam.

### **SOC Secretary – Rob Elliott (FHWA)**

- Introduction of Ben Beerman
  - Ben is FHWA's lead for accelerate bridge construction and the TRB subcommittee chair for accelerated bridge construction.
  - Interested in all elements of ABC and research needs of the states
  - Marc M to work together on various ABC initiatives.
- Bryan Cawley has been promoted and is no longer with the FHWA HQ Office of Construction.

### **SOC Vice-Chair—David Hoyne (VTrans)**

- SOC Participation with Joint Technical Committees
  - Keith Platte: SOD looking for joint committee dealing with electronic engineering standards. How data moves from DOTs to contractors and back to the agency for asset management. Rob Wight and Joe Squire are getting involved.
  - Jason Gutting (MI), David (WI)- working on a community database for e-construction. Small working group to help sharing knowledge for the e-construction process. Following up with EDC-3 and EDC-4
- Presentation topic; Construction Engineering Costs
  - VTrans experiencing questions from contracting community and state legislature on LD costs. Texas also receiving some scrutiny.
  - Are other states being challenged on the cost of doing business?
    - Malcom: construction support higher than environmental support. Construction as much as design.
    - Rob W- scrutinized specifically on construction engineering costs and using consultants. Survey would be helpful on how each state calculates LDs.
    - Staffing is part of this issue. State or consultant inspectors are a factor
    - Amy- NCHRP- inflation on construction projects review
      - Florida- more pushback from contractors on bluebook numbers and fuel costs, etc.
    - Marc- Track internal and consultant costs
    - Tennessee- made a big decision on state vs consultant costs.
    - Brooks Act and overhead- tried to establish a maximum salary in regards to CFR. Very hard to compare apples to apples. Unions, etc.

- Add to state discussion topics.
- FHWA is hosting a peer exchange on engineering services costs.
  - Highlights will be shared in the future.

### Section Reports:

- Integrated Construction and Technologies- Joe Squire (Oregon)
  - a. Amy Tootle, Florida DOT, is the new vice-chair.
  - b. March 14<sup>th</sup> will be first meeting with entire group.
  - c. Working towards three hours of presentations.
  
- Contract Administration- Gary Angles (Ohio)
  - a. Work plans
    - i. Guide Specs Division 200- Sue Eiseman
    - ii. Contractor Invoices- Jerry Y.
    - iii. Survey on unsatisfactory contractor performances.
  - b. Presentations
    - i. Narrowed it down to five smaller presentations
      1. Quality acceptance plans for alternative delivery
      2. Partnering survey
      3. Dayton, Ohio partnering project- no excuse bonuses
      4. Performance related specs for concrete pavement.
      5. Scott Lowe
  
- Safety, Environmental and Workforce Development- Rob Wight (Utah)
  - a. Presentations:
    - i. Center for Environmental Excellence by AASHTO update/plug
      1. List of programmatic agreements.
      2. Section on storm water on construction sites.
        - a. Ohio is tracking SWPPP through an app.
    - ii. Smart Work Zones
      1. Texas work
      2. EDC-3 Initiative
    - iii. Darby Clayton to present
    - iv. Results of the scanning tour on inspector competency.
    - v. EPA Storm water Auditor
  
- Roadways and Structures- Marc Mastronardi (Georgia)
  - a. Work plans:
    - i. Guide spec updates
    - ii. Completed drafts of three surveys
      1. Rolling roadblocks
      2. Ground in place centerline and edge line rumble stripes
      3. Pavement smoothness measurements
  - b. Presentations:
    - i. Cleveland Innerbelt Project
    - ii. Ohio River Bridges (KY)

- iii. Cindy Callahan discussion on demolition and compliance with resource agencies
- iv. Latest in HMA design and pavement preservation.

- Research not present at this meeting.

**Discuss Plans for the 2017 Annual Meeting- Gary Angles (Ohio)**

- Received the seed money from Montana
- All nightly events planned
- Food arraigned
- Sponsor work continues
- Working with hotel on AV and sound package
- Working with AASHTO on registration website
- Technical Tour Possibilities
  - GE Global Tower
  - Roebling Bridge
  - Streetcar System

**Other:**

- March meeting has been canceled.
- Evan will work with David to send out a request for State Discussion Topics
- The AASHTO strategic plan has changed. See Evan R's 2/15 email.
- AASHTO is looking to use only pre-approved planners for future events. More details to come.

Call ended at 11:52AM

**NEXT CALL: April 19, 2017 at 11am EST**